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THE PROPOSAL OF A LIFETIME

Pilot surprises girlfriend after mammoth charity journey

• James Kingham and fiancee Pamela Jane 'Peejay' Prowse (Picture courtesy of DPR)

By **James Booker**
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AN RAF Chinook pilot has pulled off an unlikely engagement manoeuvre in the most dramatic fashion.

James Kingham, based at RAF Odiham in Hook, was taking part in the famous Mongol Rally charity event this summer with a colleague, raising money for the RAF Benevolent Fund and environmental cause Cool Earth Action Group.

And the 28-year-old from Essex came to a serious life decision while driving along a quiet stretch of land in Ukraine – just one of 27 countries he travelled through in the monumental challenge.

He decided to propose to his Australian girlfriend Pamela Jane 'Peejay' Prowse.

However, he was without a ring, and thousands of miles away from both start line and finish line, where Peejay, 27, was due to meet him.

"It was a spontaneous decision," said James, who moved to Odiham in 2010. "There was a few hundred miles of not very much, and I had a lot of time to think.

"And I just decided then and there that I had to propose at the other end – but at that point I had no idea how I was going to get a ring.

"My initial plan was to buy one in Russia, but I ended up getting cold feet from that idea, and so tried to get a company in England to make a ring and send it out to me.

"That turned out to be a bit of a challenge, because many businesses, understandably, don't like to make a diamond ring and send it to an unspecified address in Mongolia!"

However, The Diamond Store were willing, and sent the item across to the finishing line in Ulan Bator.

James and his colleague, Chinook crewman Chris Pratt, suffered puncture after puncture, as well as waiting seven hours trying to cross the Russian border, as they made their way across the world in their 1.0-litre Daewoo Matiz.

"We had an interesting time getting into Russia," said James. "We spent seven hours at the border trying to convince them to let our car through, as it had a big elephant on the top."

Not a real elephant, of course, but the model was significant, as it is homage to their squadron

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Market is back home for Xmas

BASINGSTOKE market is back 'home' for the Christmas period while work to repave Market Place takes a break.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) relocated the market at the end of October to the area at the bottom of Wote Street between Debenhams and the Central car park, sometimes known as the 'Banjo', to enable Hampshire County Council to repave Market Place.

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The market was expected to remain in its temporary location for the 22-week duration of the repaving.

But now the county council's work has been suspended for the peak Christmas period, stall holders have decided they would rather move back to their old home outside the Willis Museum, where a temporary surface has been laid.

The market, which moved back on Wednesday, will move back to the 'Banjo' area from January 8.

This means the market will be part of the main Top of the Town shopping area for Small Business Saturday this weekend.

The £280,000 scheme to repave Market Place is part of the county council's work to improve roads and pavements and help them remain in good condition for longer.

Deputy Leader of BDBC, Cllr Ranil Jayawardena said: "We are looking forward to the work being finished to give Basingstoke a much improved market square and have been working with the county council to try to keep disruption to a minimum.

"Our market traders asked if they could change the plans and go back home for Christmas as they were not getting the same level of trade in their new location.

"We have listened to them and rearranged the Christmas arrangements.

"As we have activities starting this weekend to mark Small Business Saturday and support Basingstoke's smaller retailers during the Christmas period it seemed only right that we help our smallest traders by putting the market back where it will get more footfall."

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Glasgow pub crash pilot was ex-RAF Odiham serviceman

RAF Odiham have expressed their sympathies to the friends and family of David Traill, the ex-RAF serviceman who died in the Glasgow helicopter crash on Friday.

The base also wishes to pass on condolences to the families of everybody else killed in the disaster. Mr Traill, 51, was the pilot of the helicopter which crashed into the Clutha pub in the Scottish city on Friday evening.

He served at the Hook base as a Flight Lieutenant before leaving the RAF in 2008.

He served in Afghanistan, both Gulf Wars, Northern Ireland, Bosnia and the Falkland Islands.

He was also part of the Chinook display team in 2007.

Station Commander RAF Odiham, Group Captain Richard Maddison said: "Although David Traill left the RAF in 2008, many of us served alongside him, both at Odiham and overseas.

"The station is deeply saddened by this loss, and our thoughts go out to the family and friends of all of those that have been affected by this tragic accident."

'We had an interesting time trying to get across the Russian border...'

· From front page

emblem. It was christened 'Dumbo'. However, they made it through and to the finish on August 20 – the day before Peejay arrived. They had set out from the UK on July 13.

When she did, James drove her out and presented her with 27 gifts – one from each country he drove through – the final one being the ring. She accepted.

James, who was deployed to Afghanistan last weekend for a four-month tour, raised around £2,500 for his two causes. The couple, who met in New Zealand while both on holiday with friends three-and-a-half years ago, plan to marry in a barn in Bentley in September. The Mongol Rally is not routed, and requires teams to buy a car with engines of 1200cc or less, before making their way, unsupported, from Goodwood Circuit near Chichester to Ulan Bator. The race began in 2004.

· James Kingham with fiancee Peejay

News Bites

£30k bike theft

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following the theft of around £30,000 worth of high end bicycles and cycling equipment in Whitchurch.

Offenders broke into North Hants Bikes on Church Street between 8pm on Tuesday, November 26 and 9.30am on Wednesday, November 27.

PC Paulina Ritchie from Whitchurch police station said: "Did you see anyone suspicious in the area of the Murco petrol station overnight on Tuesday, November 26?

"Or have you been offered any high end bikes for sale?"

Seen this man?

· Have you seen this man?

AN E-fit image has been released by police in connection with a sexual assault at a Basingstoke hotel.

Some time between 9pm and 11pm on November 12, a 32-year-old woman was sexually assaulted by an unknown man at the Apollo Hotel in Popley Way, Basingstoke.

The man spoke with a Polish accent and had a tattoo on his lower back. He was wearing blue jeans and brown work boots.

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Are you considering higher education?

THE national Student Finance tour visits Basingstoke College of Technology today, giving potential students of part-time study in the town advice about higher education.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Students will be offered information about what financial support is available for studying at university, and answering any other questions that they have.

The tour is part of the 'Make Your Future Happen: Discover Higher Education' campaign, being run by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

It aims to promote the value of higher education, and encourage people from all backgrounds and ages to take it into consideration.

Kim Able, who will be delivering the tour event at the college, was looking forward to coming to Basingstoke.

She said: "This event will highlight the support on offer for people who want to study in higher education and the benefits that it can bring.

"As a recent graduate, it's great to come to Basingstoke and share my experiences. I hope this will encourage more people to consider higher education."

The tour is now in its third year, and gives potential students in schools and colleges across England more detailed information about student finance.

This event in Basingstoke will feature recent graduates talking about their experiences of higher education, to illustrate to prospective students that they need not be put off by financial concerns.

It is focusing on school leavers across England, with the aim of raising their aspirations and ensuring they are equipped with the correct information.

Talks today are taking place at 10am, 11am, 12noon and 1.30pm.

For more information about student finance, go to www.gov.uk/unimoney.

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Duo found guilty of nightclub robbery

TWO men have each been jailed for 12 years after their part in the robbery of a Basingstoke nightclub.

Ashley Flanagan, 39, who worked at the nightclub, gave inside information to Anthony Bermingham, who robbed Wonderland nightclub with another man in February.

Bermingham, 38, of Bermondsey, London, along with the other man, tied up manager Samir Bekkale at gunpoint and stole £10,000.

The stolen money has never been found.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Blackwell at Basingstoke Police Station on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

• Ashley Flanagan and Anthony Bermingham have both been jailed for 12 years following a plot to rob Wonderland nightclub in Basingstoke

News Bites

Teen arrested

A WOMAN was hurt after being punched in the face and verbally abused by a teenage boy in Tadley.

The 31-year-old victim was walking along Franklin Avenue, near the junction with Brackenwood Drive, between 2.40pm and 3pm on November 24.

She heard shouting and turned round to find two boys approaching her.

One of them shouted abuse, before punching her in the face.

PC Nigel Cole said: "Were you in the area at the time? Did you see the altercation?"

A 15-year-old boy from Tadley has been arrested and bailed until December 22, in connection with this incident.

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Cops hunt for offender after 'random' attack

A MAN is being hunted by police after a 'random' attack on a Basingstoke church caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

The attack was carried out between 5pm on November 9 and 5pm the following day on St Michael's Church in Church Square.

Seats were slashed, a painting was damaged, and the offender cut the rope handrail on the bell tower staircase, before gouging an 'N' into the main door.

PC Aidan Blackwell said: "This damage is likely to cost several thousands of pounds to repair and is a seemingly random attack on the church.

"Do you recognise the man in the CCTV image? Do you know anything which may assist my investigation?"

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Grants for community organisations

FOUR community groups from Basingstoke and Deane have received special grants after a UK-wide survey.

Over 2.3million votes were cast after Lloyds Banking Group appealed to the public to list their favourite good causes in their area.

And the people of Basingstoke and Deane ensured four organisations are better off financially.

Basingstoke MENCAP and Basingstoke SEN Resource Centre received £3,000 each from Lloyds, while Enham Trust and Icknield School in the borough were granted £300.

Over 1,300 were shortlisted in England and Wales.

Graham Lindsay, Group Director, Responsible Business at Lloyds Banking Group said: "Lloyds Bank scaled up the Community Fund considerably in 2013 and in return we have had an incredible response from the public, which has resonated right across the country.

"We know that receiving a promotional boost and public support is as important as the financial investment and can have a sustained impact on groups' engagement with their local community over time.

"Congratulations to every community group that took part, we look forward to hearing about the difference being involved in the programme has made."

Police ask the public: 'Is it worth the risk?'

Hants cookbook gives food for thought

FOODIES gathered this week for the launch of the county's first dedicated cookbook.

The Hampshire Cookbook is the result of an innovative project, designed to raise funds for The Prince's Trust Million Makers Challenge.

A team of volunteers from Basingstoke-based global relocation company, HCR, created the book to celebrate the county's diverse and rich local produce - and a host of the nation's top cooks and chefs were quick to come forward with recipes.

"We were blessed with the sheer talent of the contributors to the Hampshire Cookbook," said HCR head of marketing and Hampshire Cookbook volunteer, Simon Hood.

"Included are some quite exquisite recipes from Tommy Miah, Delia Smith, Rick Stein, Paul Hollywood, Marcus Wareing, Antonio Carluccio, Eric Lanlard and Hampshire's own Simon Rogan.

"We couldn't have asked for a tastier selection to help us celebrate all that is good about Hampshire's food - and the best part is that all of the book's profits will be fed back into The Prince's Trust to help disadvantaged young people in the county and across the UK."

• HCR's Simon Hood (right) and Jon Morton of The Prince's Trust unveil The Hampshire Cookbook.

The Prince's Trust Million Makers Challenge is a national competition calling on employees and university students to raise £1million to help make a difference to the lives of the UK's young people.

"The team here would like to thank everyone who helped make The Hampshire Cookbook a reality," added Simon.

"From those kindly donating recipes to the local businesses sponsoring the project - to our talented contributors.

"The response we've had from those offering their help has been incredible."

By **James Booker**
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HAMPSHIRE Police have launched their annual pre-Christmas campaign to prevent people from driving while under the influence of drink or drugs.

The 'Is it Worth the Risk?' initiative is being supported by the county council, the fire service and the ambulance service.

Inspector Andy Storey, leading the campaign in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, said: "People know our message, everyone knows not to drink and drive – and yet still people do it.

"The bottom line is that people die as a result of drinking and driving. Just one death is too many.

"Our message is don't drink and drive, full stop. But, for those that still choose to risk it, we are pouring extra resources into policing our roads this Christmas.

"[We] will be looking out for you, we will arrest you and you will lose your licence.

Officers from the Roads Policing Unit will wear special purple ribbons throughout the campaign, which launched on Friday, as a tribute to victims of drink and drug impaired driving.

Since January 2012, 13 people have been killed and 93 seriously injured in collisions where alcohol was a factor in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Thames Valley.

Purple was chosen because it was the favourite colour of Evey Staley, the 10-year-old who was killed in August 2012 when her family's car was hit by a driver who was two-and-a-half times over the drink-drive limit, and had been smoking cannabis.

The driver, Robert Blakely, was jailed for 10 years.

"Along with my colleagues in roads policing and other teams across the two force areas, I will be very proud to wear the purple ribbon this Christmas," added Inspector Storey.

"It is right that we remember all those who have died as the result of drink and drug driving.

"We hope that members of the public who see the ribbon take a moment to stop and think about what it means.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Simon Hayes, added: "It's not just your life you're putting at risk, it's the lives of your passengers and other road users too. It's simply not worth it."

The operation is a joint drive with Thames Valley Police.

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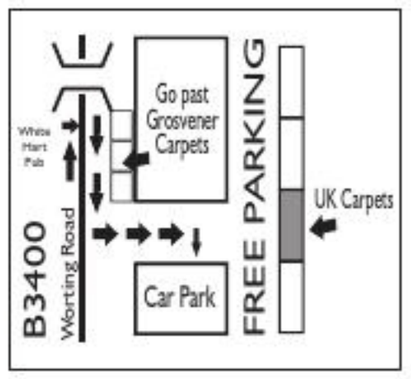

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Have your say on the budget

PEOPLE in Basingstoke have two weeks to give their opinions on the proposed budget plans by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC).

By **James Booker**
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BDBC, which will be setting its budget for the next three years in February, hope to freeze council tax for the fourth year in a row from April.

The authority is also optimistic about keeping council tax frozen from April 2015.

The council are also hoping to invest £500,000 in the maintenance of trees over five years – it currently spends £358,000 per year on the upkeep of the borough's greenery.

An extra £500,000 is also proposed for initiatives over the next four years to ensure the borough continues to attract businesses, offering good jobs and keeping the local economy thriving.

The move follows successes in attracting the John Lewis Partnership, Network Rail and Airkix to come to the area over the last year.

The council is also putting an extra £4.2million into schemes including £642,000 for disabled facility grants, £275,000 for parking and access improvements, £100,000 for play areas and £100,000 for local environmental schemes in residential areas.

Cabinet member for Property, Finance and Commissioning, Councillor John Izett said: "I am pleased that we are able to increase services to residents while not costing them any more in council tax.

"In being able to do this we are better placed than many boroughs who are being forced to make cuts to the services they provide.

"We will go on looking to make savings and efficiencies while at the same time doing our best to offer the services our residents tell us they want."

Feedback forms started to be distributed in the borough on Monday, or residents can visit the council's website to give their views.

The deadline for comments is December 20.

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Hook choir rocks out in the spirit of the season!

SINGING sensation Rock Choir will add its own festive sparkle to Hook's Christmas Cracker celebrations on Saturday.

The 100-strong group will entertain crowds with a performance on the roundabout of Station Road and London Road.

Their performance will include special arrangements to well loved pop songs, such as Michael Jackson's 'Man In the Mirror', 'I Believe In A Thing Called Love' by The Darkness, and 'Last Christmas' by Wham.

Local Rock Choir Leader Glen Harvey said: "We're thrilled and very proud to be part of such a fantastic community event.

"We'll be singing our hearts out to get everyone in the Christmas spirit."

Rock Choir is the UK's largest and most popular contemporary choir, with more than 16,000 members in over 250 local communities, including Basingstoke, Fleet, Maidenhead, Windsor and Wokingham.

It was started in 2005 by award winning musician and singer Caroline Redman Lusher.

"Being in Rock Choir is a great way to make new friends, develop your singing skills and take part in amazing events like this," said Glen.

"If you like singing, then you'll love Rock Choir, and anyone interested in joining is welcome to come along and try a free taster session."

For further information and to book a free taster session visit www.rockchoir.com or telephone 01252 714 276.

Charlotte 'dedicated' to helping youngsters

· Lucy and Charlotte with their awards

CHARLOTTE Tickner, managing director of Fleet Phoenix, has won The John Oliver Bellasis Award, recognising the dedication of people who give their time helping youngsters in Hampshire.

Charlotte, a youth worker at The Point for over 15 years, founded Fleet Phoenix in 2011 when youth services in the area were heavily reduced.

Hart District Council Chairman, Cllr Stephen Gorys, congratulated Charlotte and her team: "It's great to see a local charity win an award like this. What a great showcase for Hart, demonstrating that we have such young talent in our district," he said.

Former service user and now employee of the charity, Lucy Page was nominated for The Judith Becher Award for Enthusiasm.

Lucy was nominated for the award to acknowledge her valuable contribution to the organisation and the energy and enthusiasm that she has demonstrated through her work with the charity.

Colleague Sonja Gahan, who nominated Lucy, said: "She's a hardworking team player with unrelenting altruism, empathy and confidence.

"She's a fantastic advocate for our charity and without her our team would not be complete."

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Armed forces chief visits RAF Odiham

Owner and dog attacked

A DOG was left with serious injuries after being savaged by another dog in a Basingstoke park.

A 61-year-old man was walking his greyhound in Brighton Hill Park last Wednesday (November 27), at 6.45pm when they were both attacked by a 'Staffordshire Bull Terrier' – type dog.

The attack dog bit the owner and left the greyhound needing multiple stitches.

The dog's owner, a woman on a red mobility scooter, stepped off her vehicle, grabbed the dog before driving off.

Police would like to trace the woman in question – she is described as white, aged in her 40s, around 5ft 6ins and of medium build.

She was wearing a dark, knee-length coat at the time of the incident.

Anyone who witnessed this incident or may be able to identify the dog and its owner should contact PC Dave Bennett at Basingstoke police station by calling 101.

By **James Booker**
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RAF Odiham welcomed the new minister for the armed forces last Thursday.

Mark Francois, MP for Rayleigh and Wickford, succeeded Andrew Robathan as Minister for State for the Armed Forces in October.

Mr Francois saw the experience and value the Chinook helicopters are to the RAF.

He was accompanied on the visit by Damian Hinds, MP for East Hampshire.

"The Chinook support helicopter provides vital support to our operations worldwide whether they be humanitarian or integrated war fighting operations from land or sea," said Mr Francois.

"It was a privilege to meet the men and women of RAF Odiham and to see at first hand the vital work they do to fly and maintain the United Kingdom's Chinook fleet, and to learn more about the role Chinooks play within the UK support helicopter capability."

Group Captain Richard Maddison, station commander at RAF Odiham, said: "It has been a pleasure to host the visit today and to demonstrate the versatility and capability RAF Odiham's personnel and equipment can offer.

"The Chinook helicopter has been at the fore front of military operations since 1982, delivering support in numerous ways.

"Not just in conflict, but also during times of humanitarian crisis and where national resilience is required.

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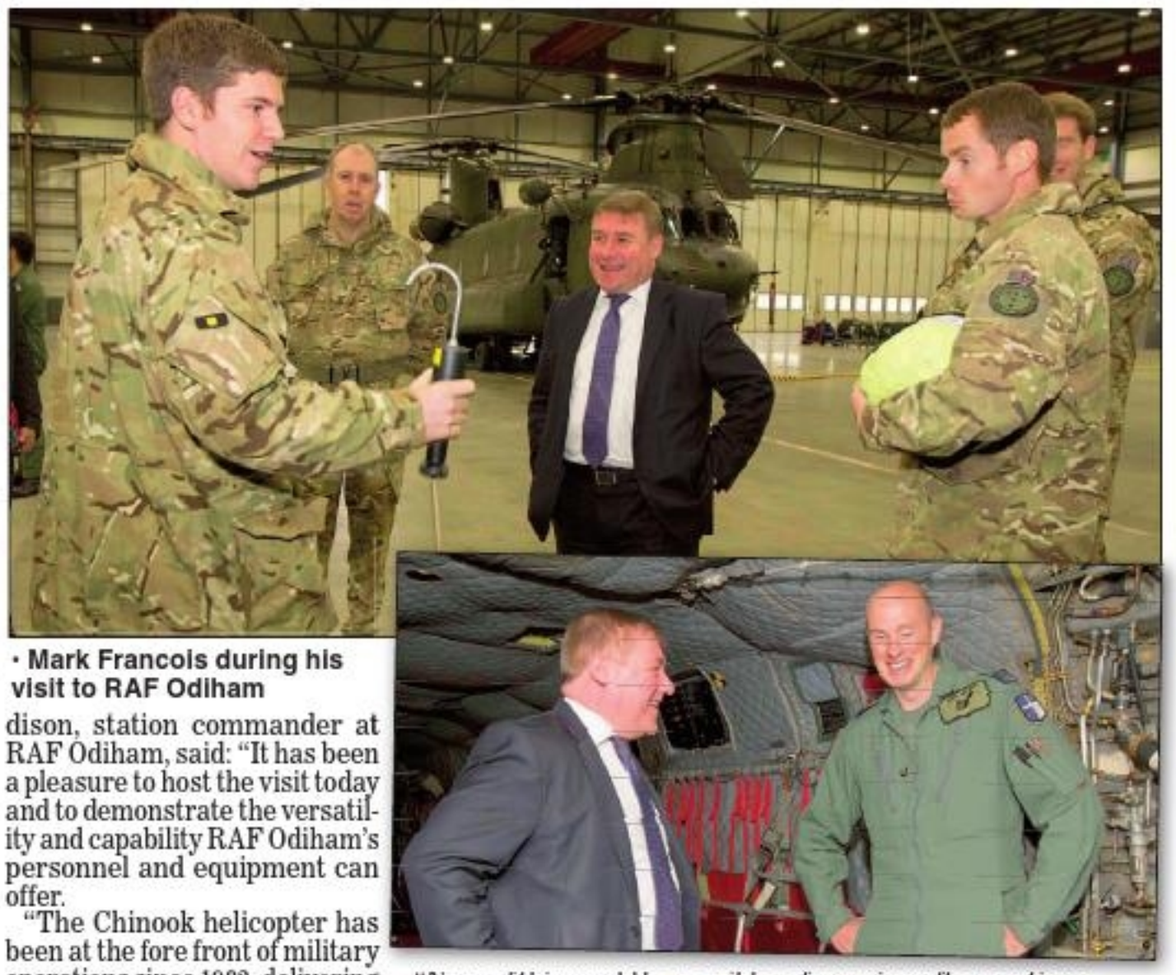

· Mark Francois during his visit to RAF Odiham

"None of this would be possible however without the adaptable and capable military and civilian personnel stationed here at Odiham,

"They are the key enabler for all of our aircraft operations.

"The growing of the Chinook force will ensure that RAF Odiham continues to be the mainstay of UK Support Helicopter capability."

Combating psychological problems...

A NEW service dedicated to tackling psychological problems has launched this week for residents of Basingstoke.

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service, known as italk, provides psychological therapy to people with problems including depression and anxiety.

It is delivered as a partnership between the Solent Mind charity and Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust.

People can access the service through their GP or by making a self-referral, after which they are assessed and take part in a discussion about their individual needs, before agreeing a programme of treatment.

Lesley Stevens, director for Adult Mental Health at Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We are delighted to announce this expansion of our service to people in the Basingstoke and East Hampshire areas.

"It's important to note that every resident in Hampshire can now access psychological therapies, which was not the case previously.

"The support provided by the italk service has been invaluable to so many people, and to be able to make that more widely available is a significant development that will make a real difference."

Richard Barritt, chief executive of Solent Mind, added: "Over the last three years the response to the italk service from thousands of patients has been fantastic."

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Green honours

A HOOK hotel has been honoured for its environmentally-friendly qualities.

Tylney Hall scooped silver accreditation in this year's Green Tourism Awards, and judges praised its recycling policy, its implementation of locally and ethically sourced produce and efforts in minimising damage to the environment.

Mark Robinson, general manager at Tylney Hall Hotel, said: "We take pride in being a green tourist destination."

Car is stolen

POLICE are appealing for information after a car was stolen from a Basingstoke house last week.

The black Ford Focus ST, registration RJ08 WDE, was stolen from a house in Borodin Close last Monday (November 25), after offenders broke into the house during the night and stole the keys.

Call 101 with information.

Drink warning

PEOPLE are being warned of the risks of excessive alcohol consumption as Christmas draws ever closer.

The Safer North Hampshire community team will be in the Hart Shopping Centre in Fleet on December 13 with an information stand 'What is your ideal Christmas?'

Caroline Ryan, team manager, said: "We want to reduce the possibility of anyone finding themselves in a situation where a chain of events can lead to serious consequences."

Young business minds the focus of initiative

EDUCATION charity Basingstoke Consortium launches a campaign today designed to nurture the next generation of business minds.

By **James Booker**
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Inspiring Youth is targeted at encouraging 16-18 year olds who feel they have what it takes to be the country's next batch of successful entrepreneurs.

The campaign will be launched today at the Consortium's interactive Enterprise Conference at Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke.

Sue Riley, CEO of Basingstoke Consortium, said: "The project represents an amazing opportunity for local young people – with entrepreneurs giving so generously their time and expertise: it really is an opportunity that money cannot buy.

"Our hope is that it goes some way to inspire the next generation of local entrepreneurs.

"The project represents a real partnership approach and we are proud to be running it."

The conference will open with a speech by Dr Liz Jackson MBE, who will share her journey from start-up with the Prince's Trust to successful business owner.

Workshops during the day include: 'starting a business – and doing good', '10 ways to be a marketing genius like Lady Gaga', 'from apprentice to MD...it's all about you', 'meet an apprentice' and 'start a business but don't get sued'.

Up to 50 young people will gain exclusive access to workshops, visits and mentoring support from local entrepreneurs and some of the biggest businesses in Basingstoke. However, places on this part of the programme are limited, so delegates will have to demonstrate they deserve a place by 'pitching'.

Already confirmed to support this part of the programme are: What's on 4, Great Guns Marketing, Memo Events, LG Motion and Visa Europe.

The full programme ends in April, when it is hoped that the 50 participants will share their experiences with younger students in local schools.

The project is still keen to involve more entrepreneurs and local businesses with workshops, mentoring and practical support, and invites interested organisations to contact Basingstoke Consortium project manager, Carol Johnston, on 01256 840710.

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Overton coffee thief wanted by police

POLICE have issued a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to following the theft of six jars of Nescafe coffee.

The incident occurred at the Coop store on Winchester Street in Overton at around 1.40pm on Tuesday, November 19.

Officers believe this man may be able to assist with enquiries.

Anyone who recognises him is asked to contact PC Richard Baldwin at Whitchurch police station by calling the non-emergency number 101.

· Have you seen this man?

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In the money?

ST Michael's Hospice has announced the results of its draw from November 29.

Basingstoke ticket 65866 takes first prize of £1,000, while 28417 of Whitchurch claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 is awarded to ticket 83333 of Winchester, and fourth prize goes to Alton ticket 47279.

Sixteen prizes of £5 are awarded to tickets 03909, 04609, 22671, 27632, 32612, 35659, 36820, 38231, 48447, 50640, 57805, 66406, 71687, 78524, 85247 and 89194.

Extended hours

BASINGSTOKE Post Office is extending its opening hours in the lead up to Christmas.

The branch on London Street will be open from 8.30am until 6pm from Monday to Friday, and 9am until 5pm on Saturday and Sunday – a total of six hours extra per week.

Burglary appeal

POLICE are appealing for information after jewellery was stolen during a burglary at a Basingstoke house last Wednesday (November 27).

Offenders broke into the house on Penrith Road between 12.45pm and 2.40pm.

They stole two flower-shaped gold earrings, a gold butterfly-shaped ring and a flower-shaped gold ring with nine coloured stones.

A gold chain with a Gurkha pendant was also taken.

Anyone with information should contact PC Mark Pullman at Basingstoke police station by calling 101.

Cops vary tactics to assess road safety

By **James Booker**
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POLICE across Hampshire registered over 160 driving offences during a recent road safety week operation.

Officers patrolled the roads in a bus, as part of a partnership with bus company Stagecoach, as they clocked 164 offences.

They penalised drivers for a range of offences, including eating or drinking behind the wheel, using mobile phones and reading.

One motorist was charged after being caught using their computer, during the operations on November 19 and 20.

The innovative approach, named Operation Soufflé, was implemented after Stagecoach bus drivers told officers that they often saw offences from their position of being higher up in a vehicle.

Sergeant Paul Diamond said: "We are especially grateful for the assistance Stagecoach gave us with this initiative.

"Following the success of a similar distraction campaign (Operation Tramline), we consulted with bus drivers.

"They told us they could see offences at certain places and at certain times of the day that we might not see.

"We want drivers to know that we vary our vehicles and tactics."

The drive was carried out in support of BRAKE's 'Tune in to road safety' campaign.

Roads Policing Unit inspector Steve Wakeford added: "Hampshire Constabulary fully supports Brake's serious message about raising awareness of distractions to road users.

"Too many ordinary peoples' lives have been changed forever because of distracted driving.

"We will continue to work with partners to prevent as many collisions as we can."

As well as distraction-related offences, police also found 157 other offences, the biggest proportion of which was speeding (33). Thirty two people were found not to be wearing a seatbelt, while officers seized 13 cars for not having valid insurance or tax.

Other offences included not having MOT, lacking a valid driving license, ignoring road signs and illegal use of bus lanes.

One person was also found to be in possession of cannabis, while another was found to have illegally changed their trade plate.

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Trust scoops award for customer service

• Nisha Wild is presented with her certificate

THE organisation which runs Basingstoke and north Hampshire Hospital has scooped a national award for its services to the community.

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was named best organisation for Serving the Community at the recent WOW! Awards.

The quarterly awards, which started in 2009, were designed to help organisations recognise excellent customer service throughout the year.

Hampshire Hospitals chief nurse and chief operating officer Donna Green said: "I am so proud that the work of our staff has led to us receiving this award, and even more so that it reflects that we put excellent patient care at the heart of everything we do."

Nisha Wild, from the Womens' health unit at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital was one of the recipients.

Her nomination read: "She was fantastic.

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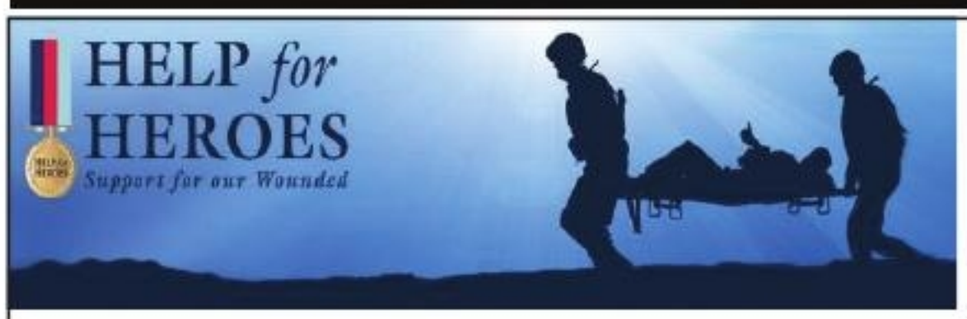

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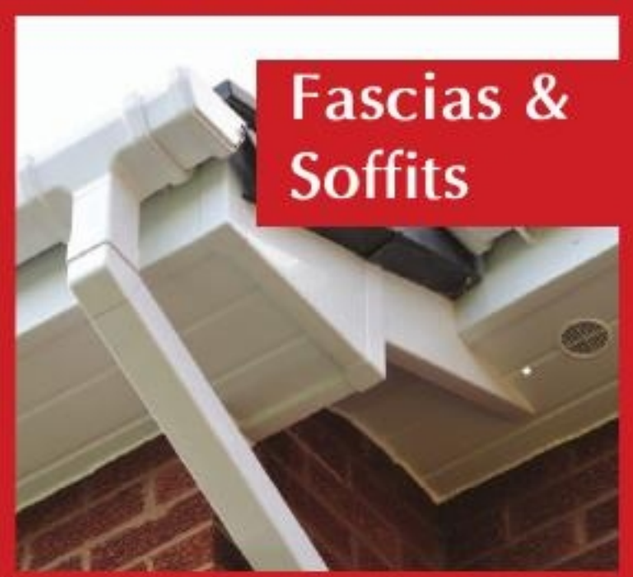

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A modern Pickwick!

A BRAND new adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic novel The Pickwick Papers comes to The Haymarket from Tuesday, with a star-studded cast including former Eastenders actor Dean Gaffney.

The story follows the journey of Samuel Pickwick as he travels around 19th century Britain, using his massive brain to observe human nature for the good of mankind.

Accompanied by the hapless Nathaniel Winkle and his cockney manservant Sam Weller, Pickwick meets a number of colourful personalities on the way.

Dean is joined by 'Allo 'Allo actor John D Collins and experienced theatre actors David Callister and Richard Tate for next week's shows.

The cast also includes actress Rebecca Wheatley, best known as receptionist Amy Howard in Casualty, who plays Mrs Wardle in The Pickwick Papers.

Rebecca said: "It's a fantastic adaptation in that it brings out all of the humour of it all, and it's got lots and lots of laughing.

"I think what this adaptation has done is really bring out the fun of it, so it's like a proper joyful Christmas piece rather than this absolutely regimented Dickensian sort of thing.

"By nature I'm a show off, and the difference between doing television and a live theatre show is that you're there, people are there and you get something back instantly.

"It's hard work in that you've got to turn up for eight shows a week, you've got to keep going and making it fresh, but it's much more instant and gratifying.

"The Haymarket is a lovely theatre to work in. We go around the country and not all theatres are as lovely!"

This version of The Pickwick Papers has been adapted by Nicola Boyce, who was also behind the stage shows of 'A Christmas Carol' and 'The Woman in White'. Performances take place at 7.30pm from Tuesday until Saturday, December 14, as well as two additional showings on the Thursday and Saturday at 2pm.

By **Adam Flinn**
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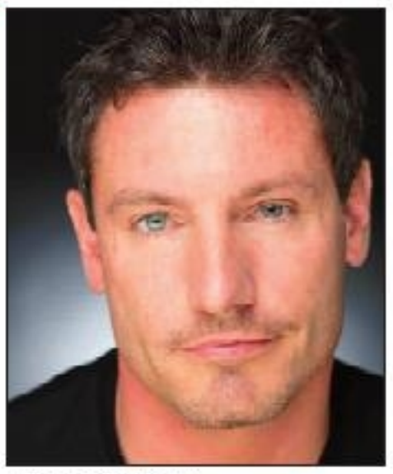

· Dean Gaffney

· John D Collins

· Rebecca Wheatley

· David Callister

Christmas fun day

THE Basingstoke Discovery Centre is hosting a Christmas fun day on Saturday, encouraging children to make their own festive willow wreath and take part in interactive storytelling.

It costs £6 per child, and starts at 9.30am. For more details, call 01256 478670 or go to www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc.

Comedy cabaret

COMEDY cabaret returns to the Proteus Creation Space tomorrow night, with a line-up including Joe Wells, Michael Brunstrom, Charlie Sanderson and Malcolm Julian Swan.

It is followed by their festive vintage fair on Saturday, for visitors to pick out Christmas gifts and hand-crafted items during the afternoon.

For more information about either event, go to www.proteustheatre.com or phone 01256 321621.

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All things Austria

THE Bordon Phoenix is celebrating all things Austrian tomorrow evening, honouring St Nicholas and his lesser known and decidedly darker companion Krampus.

Krampusfest follows on from last year's sell-out show 'Celebrate Austria', and commemorates the nation through the use of music, words and song with renowned zither player Cornelia Mayer.

The show starts at 6pm, and tickets cost £9. Go to www.phoenixarts.co.uk or call 01420 472664 for more details.

Cox and Cotton guest in Proof

THE Proof, featuring Paul Cox and Roger Cotton, are the latest guest performers at the Basingstoke Blues Club on Saturday.

Paul is known as one of the best showmen and singers around, and has an impressive track record of playing with great guitarists including Snowy White, Henry McCulloch and Charlie Fabert.

Doors open at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £7 on the door at The Moose Centre on Churchill Way. For more information, go to www.basingstokeblues-club.co.uk.

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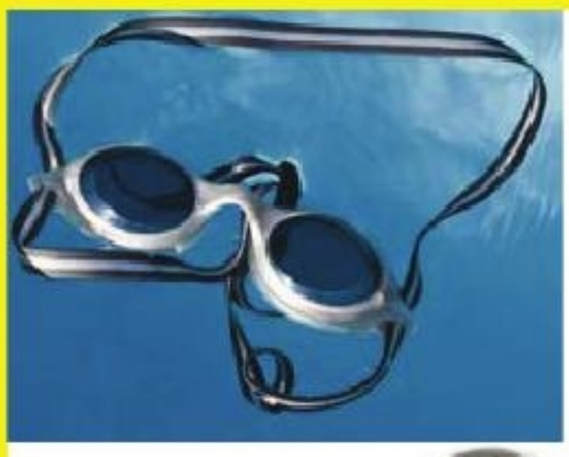

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An excellent line-up

By **Adam Flinn**
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QUEEN Mary's College are hosting their annual Christmas Concert next Thursday, and are inviting people to come along and get in the festive spirit.

The concert will feature Performing Arts students playing a diverse collection of music, with pieces using both their classical and contemporary repertoire.

Soloists include Music Scholarship students performing on flute, piano, voice and electric guitar, while jazz and chamber ensembles will perform extracts from Les Miserables.

Dance is also on the bill, with a contemporary duet and a new piece of choreography inspired from a recent visit and workshop with Ballet Rambert.

All proceeds of the concert will go to Wessex Heartbeat's High 5 Appeal, aimed at creating a unit designed for the needs of young people aged 16 and over with heart conditions.

Steve Gallagher, head of performing arts at the college, said: "We have an excellent line-up of student talent from a wide range of our performing arts courses.

"The evening will represent a snap shot of the fantastic talents of the students in performing arts, and they have been working hard all term on their various courses.

"We are also holding a second-hand book sale, which is a unique opportunity to come and purchase some last minute Christmas presents.

"The whole concert is being held in aid of the Wessex High 5 Appeal, and we will hold a very special raffle on the night.

"Sit back, relax and enjoy an evening of festive delight!"

Tickets for the concert cost £5, and starts at 7.30pm. For more details, call the box office on 01256 418318 or go to www.centralstudio.co.uk.

· Last year's Christmas concert at Central Studio

James Walsh

SINGER-SONGWRITER James Walsh comes to The Railway, Winchester, on Wednesday, with a new show following the release of his latest EP 'Time is Nigh' earlier this year.

James spent a decade fronting Starsailor, but has now emerged as a singer in his own right.

Doors open at 8pm, and more details can be found at www.railwaylive.co.uk.

QMC gift fair

OVER 40 local and national businesses are taking part in the Baby and Children's Market and Christmas gift fair, taking place at Queen Mary's College on Saturday.

As well as shopping and gift ideas, there will be a range of children's entertainment on the day, as well as food and refreshments.

Entry is £1, and it is running from 10.30am to 3pm.

For more details, email tom@babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk.

In Wonderland

ALICE in Wonderland comes to the Bordon Phoenix on Saturday, with the magical adventure based on Lewis Carroll's classic novel.

It is being staged by Basingstoke's own Proteus Theatre Company, who previously performed the show at Central Studio and are now on a national tour.

The show starts at 6pm, and tickets cost £11.

To book, go to www.phoenixarts.co.uk or call 01420 472664.

Three little pigs

CHILDREN'S theatre returns to Central Studio on Saturday, with the story of the three little pigs and the big hungry wolf in 1, 2, 3 Little Pigs.

It's a dangerous world for a small pig, especially if it's being followed by a wolf, but this adaptation of the story comes with a twist or two.

It begins at 11am, and tickets cost £6.

The show features fully integrated sign language, and more information is available at www.centralstudio.co.uk.

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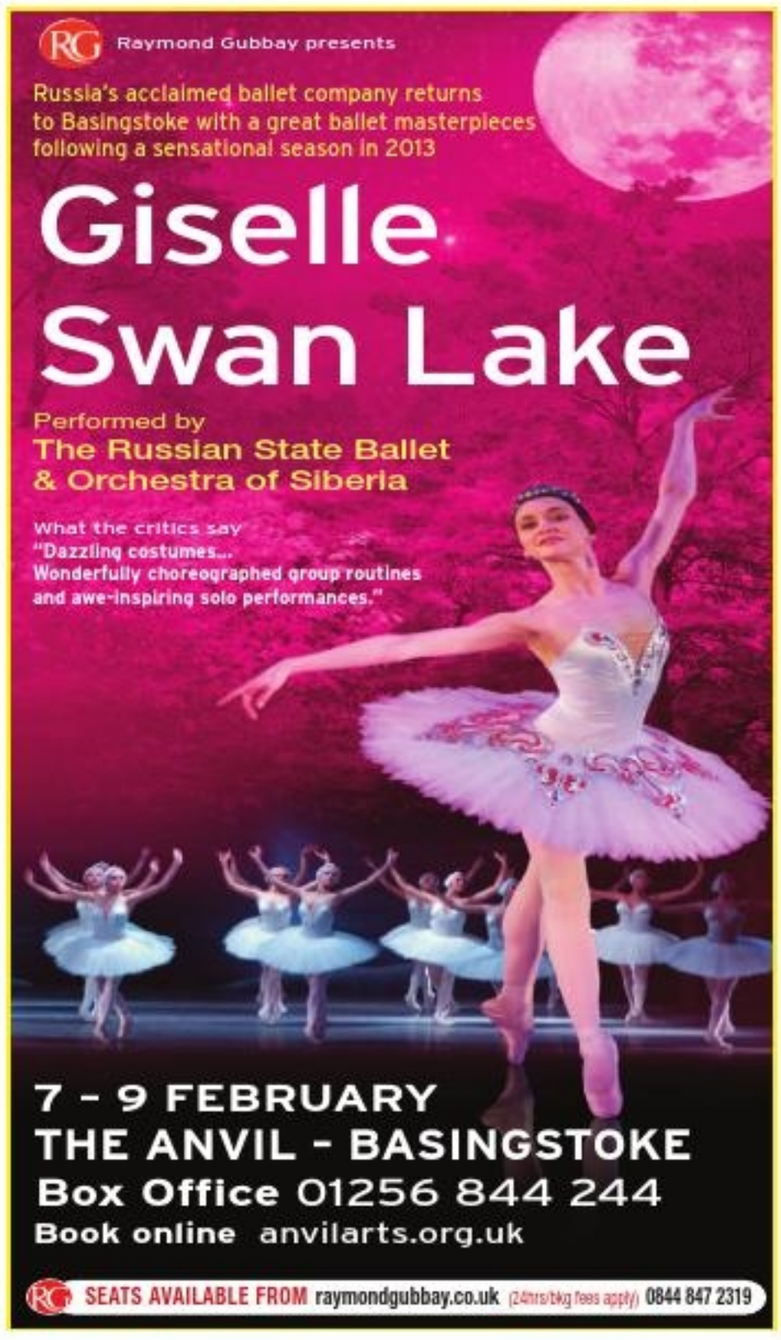
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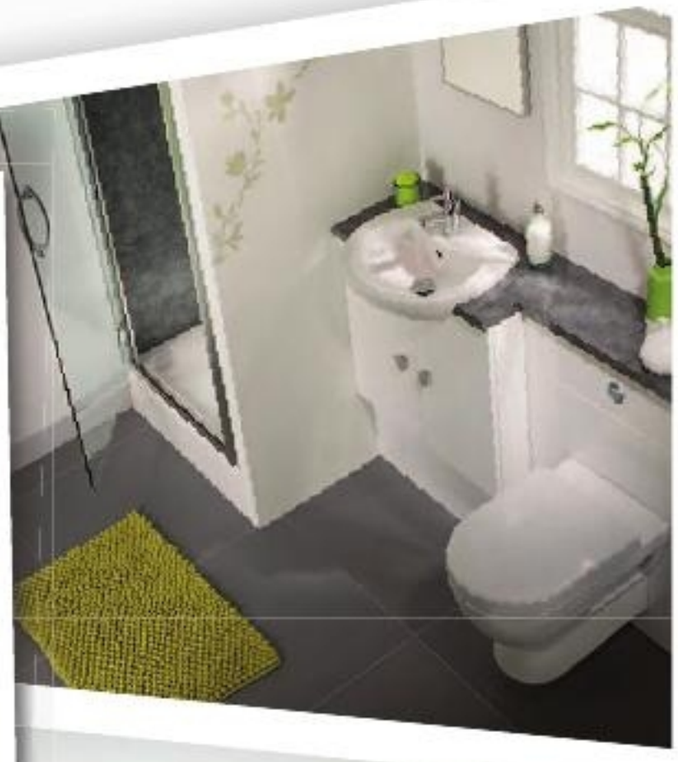

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Master baker Paul Hollywood reignites our appetite for traditional foods

Humble pie gets the Hollywood touch

By Andy Welch

"GOOD bake". "Nice crumb". "It's over-proved". "The gluten hasn't developed".

Four years ago, only expert bakers would have understood these terms. Now, thanks to Paul Hollywood and his Great British Bake Off co-judge Mary Berry, they've become familiar phrases in millions of home up and down the UK.

And it's not just Bake Off terminology that's been on the rise - the show has led to a staggering revival in home baking too.

"I can't go a day without someone coming up to me and showing me a photo on their phone of their latest loaf or cake," says Hollywood, 47. "I love it."

There's no respite on Twitter either, where celebrities including Fearne Cotton and Sarah Millican have taken to sending the famous baker pictures of their bakes, or asking for tips.

The fourth series of Bake Off ended recently with 31-year-old Frances Quinn's surprise victory, and once again supermarkets reported increased sales of baking ingredients and cake-making tools along the way.

"Where's my share?" jokes Hollywood. "I haven't got any money out of it."

That, of course, isn't quite true. The chef, who was born in Cheshire and is taking a live baking show on a tour of the UK next April, is now synonymous with baking. His Bread series and book were huge hits earlier this year and he's never been more in demand. Just two weeks after filming finished for Bake Off, he went straight to work on his latest offering, Pies & Puds. There's a book out now and a TV series will follow.

"It's hard fitting it all in," he says. "There's always something, but it's good to have loads going on, especially when it's all so much fun to work on.

"There are thousands of recipes out there, and it's just about being able to pick the right ones, harness the right ideas, and put them in a great package for people to try themselves."

There's no shortage of mouth-watering recipes in Pies & Puds. In the same way Bread introduced novices to basic techniques and walked them through more advanced methods, Pies & Puds includes basics like sausage rolls and quickly moves on to slightly more challenging tasks.

These include pasties, bread and butter pudding made with croissants and cherries, and various types of pastry.

The book is, as Hollywood says, like a cookery course, and one of his favourite recipes is his take on a classic. "I do a beef and ale pie, but use water buffalo instead of regular beef, and I must say the pie is absolutely gorgeous.

"Throughout the book I've twisted things, added new flavours, modernised classics and come up with a load of recipes that are beautiful to eat. It's about comfort food, really, and I'm celebrating what Britain's good at - pies, puddings and pastries."

"The main thing about everything I do is that I just love teaching. The idea that people are learning while watching and being inspired to try things is absolutely brilliant."

Here are a recipe from Hollywood's Pies & Puds to get you started.

• *Bacon & egg pie, featured in Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds, published by Bloomsbury. Photo credit: PA Photo/Peter Cassidy/Bloomsbury.*

Bacon & egg pie

(Serves 6)

For the rich shortcrust pastry
275g plain flour
Pinch of fine salt
135g cold unsalted butter, diced
1 medium egg, beaten
1tsp lemon juice
2-3tbsp very cold water
1 egg, beaten, to glaze
For the filling
1tbsp vegetable oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
200g unsmoked streaky Bacon, diced
200g pork loin, cut into roughly 1.5cm dice
5 medium eggs
100g cream cheese
100g mature Cheddar, grated
1tbsp chopped chives
Salt and pepper

To make the pastry, put the flour and salt in a bowl. Add the diced butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs. Alternatively, do this in a food processor or a mixer and then transfer to a bowl.

Mix the egg with the lemon juice and two tablespoons of water. Make a well in the centre of the rubbed-in mixture and pour in the egg mix. Mix the liquid into the flour and fat mixture, using one hand; avoid overworking the dough. If it is too dry, add a splash more water.

When the dough begins to stick together, use your hands to gently knead it into a ball. Wrap the pastry in cling film and place in the fridge to rest for about 30 minutes.

For the filling, heat the oil in a wide frying pan over a medium-low heat and add the onion and garlic. Cook gently for about eight minutes, until soft. Add the bacon and pork, increase the heat a little, and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring from time to time, until any liquid from the meat has been driven off. Leave to cool completely. Heat your oven to 200C/gas 6 and have ready a 20cm loose-based sandwich cake tin, 4cm deep.

Beat two of the eggs with the cream cheese until smooth. Add the Cheddar and chives and season with salt and pepper. Stir in the cooled bacon mixture.

Roll out two-thirds of the pastry and use to line the cake tin. Roll out the remaining pastry ready to form the lid.

Put the filling mixture into the pastry case. Make three evenly spaced depressions in the filling and crack the remaining eggs into them. Brush the rim of the pastry with water and place the lid on top.

Press the edges to seal and trim off the excess neatly. Brush the top of the pie with beaten egg and make a steam hole in the centre. Bake in the oven for 50-55 minutes, until golden brown. Leave the pie to settle for at least 15 minutes before cutting.

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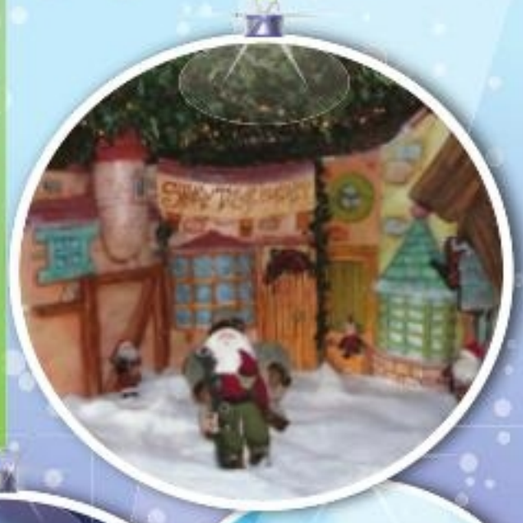

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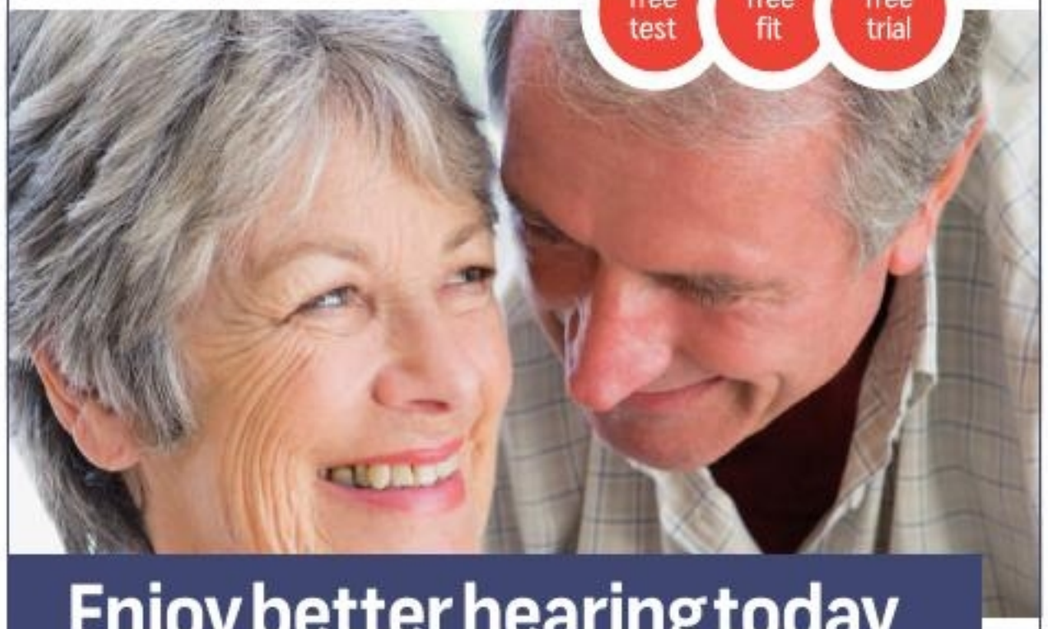

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Given piquancy (6)
8 Uses (7)
10 Idea (7)
11 Precipitous (5)
12 Go in (5)
13 Aliens (9)
16 Going without (9)
19 Confidence (5)
20 Very unpleasant (5)
22 Explanations (7)
23 Most sacred (7)
24 Stylish (6)

Quick Clues Down

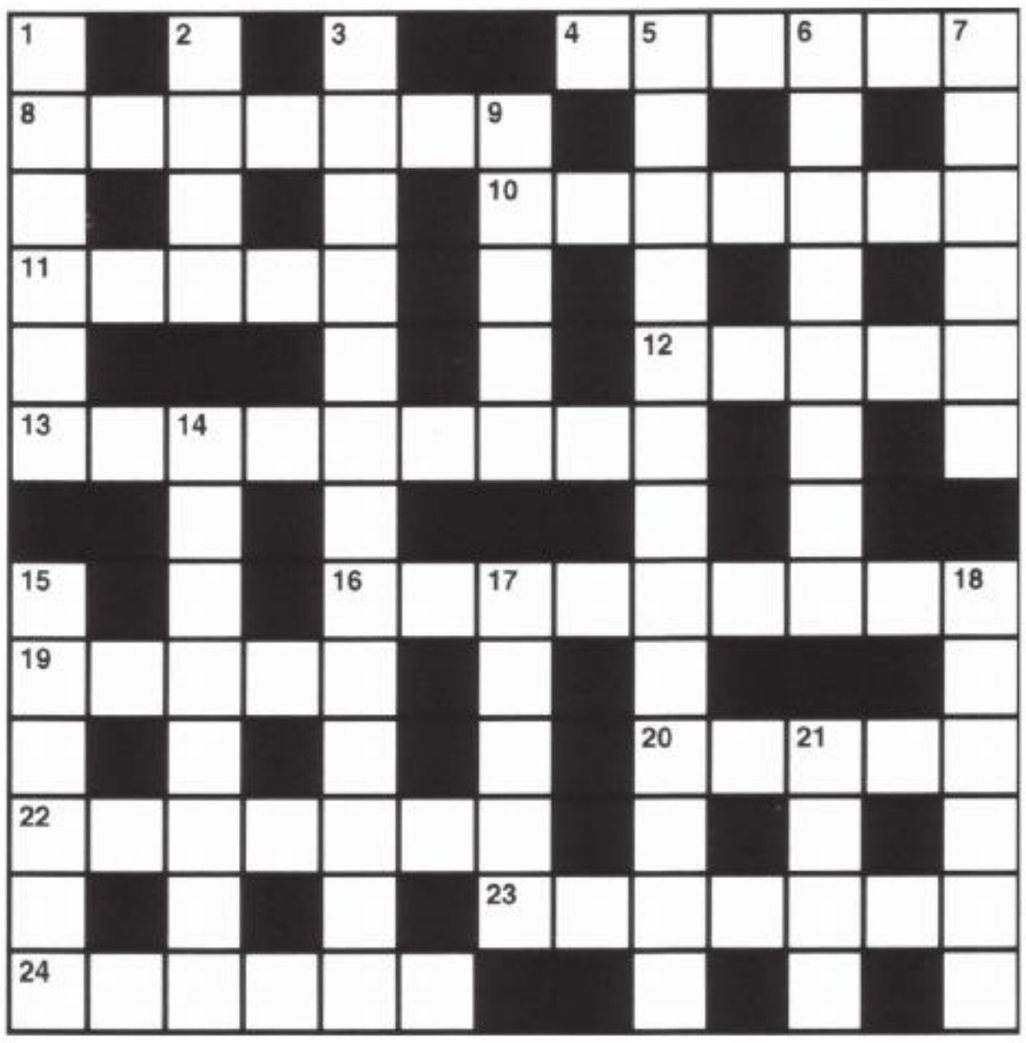
1 Animals (6)
2 Part of church (4)
3 Recompenses (13)
5 Hymns sung as clergy enter church (13)
6 Ponder (8)
7 Discourages (6)
9 Fashion (5)
14 Adjust (8)
15 Gazed (6)
17 Break (5)
18 Appointments (6)
21 Pip (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Pour out nothing revolutionary, and sounded pleased (6)
8 Sign the document to gain attention (7)
10 The king's daughter curtailed her brothers (7)
11 He set out for the ones near at hand (5)
12 In one way ties down without possessing regular movements (5)
13 Re-cancel a cheque's acceptance (9)
16 On strike, we sigh about what is of greater importance (9)
19 The department has nothing for the storehouse (5)
20 Thanks to the range of knowledge obtained (5)
22 Swindles about light chalks (7)
23 Beat the man for touching (7)
24 Seen at different material (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Feeling rotten on September 1st with a head cold (6)
2 Go back to the French for an amorous lock (4)
3 Better boon too for the famous question (2,2,2,3,2,2)
5 Somehow resent uniting around for a dull result (13)
6 Falling back to surrendering again (8)
7 Want of practice is found in the great actress (6)
9 Watering place in a European country (5)
14 He never forgets a trunk call (8)
15 Prepares about a hundred decrees (6)
17 Have confidence in the people administering the property (5)
18 Stay in some sort of mental balance (6)
21 Keen to be a member (4)



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Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Russet 8 Eternal 10 Andiron 11 Ounce 12 Rinse 13 Ferocious 16 Impeached 19 Thumb 20 Dream 22 Ennoble 23 Landing 24 Sudden
Down: 1 Set off 2 Bean 3 Indescribable 5 Understanding 6 Strength 7 Tensed 9 Largo 14 Returned 15 Athens 17 Panel 18 Damage 21 Epic

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Tricks 8 Weak tea 10 Lateral 11 Digit 12 Igloo 13 Sartorial 16 March past 19 Arena 20 Motor 22 Blasted 23 Suspend 24 Layers
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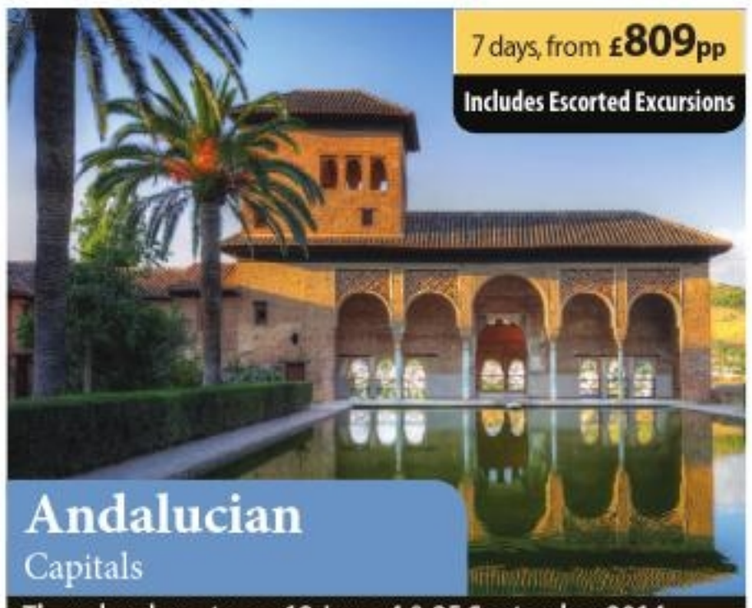

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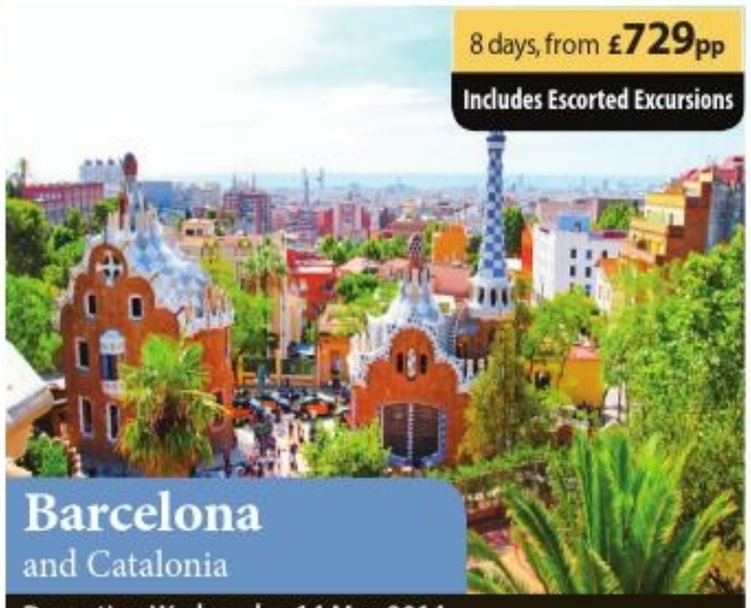

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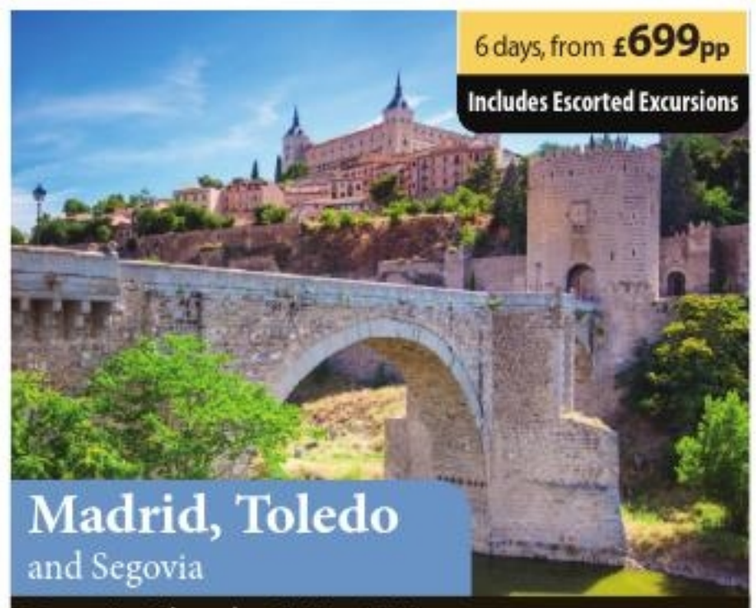

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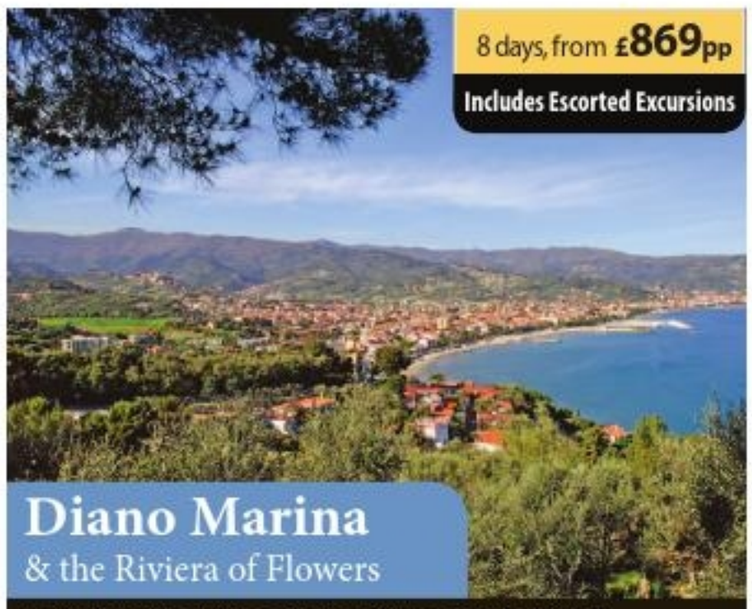

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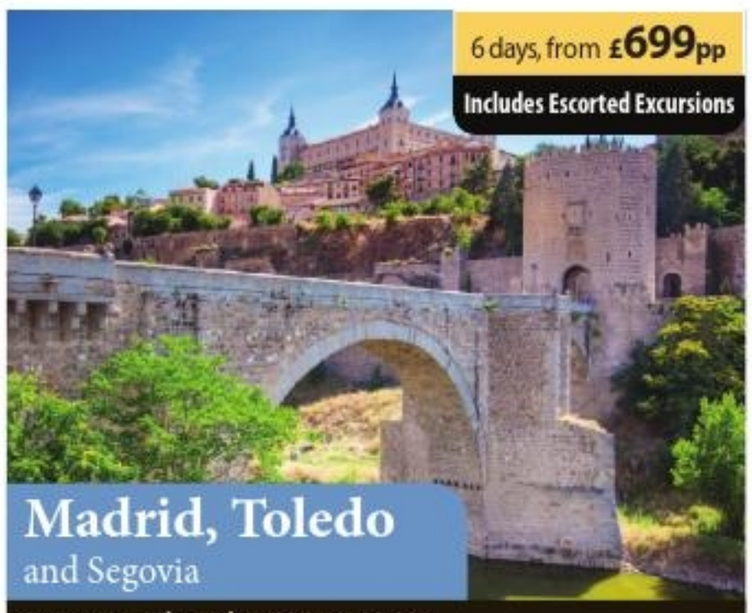

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REVIEW: VAUXHALLL ASTRA VXR

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INTRODUCING the most powerful hatchback in its class - the 276bhp Vauxhall Astra VXR.

It might not look as mean as its pumped-up predecessor, but that changes with the optional £1,000 'Aero Pack', which adds a biplane rear spoiler, more muscular side skirts and 20-inch alloy wheels.

Upon ignition, you're greeted by a bassy soundtrack from the stainless steel twin exhausts. The sporty theme continues through to the steering which is weighty even at lower speeds.

Although always flexible, the 2.0 litre turbocharged motor delivers its gut-punch between 2500 and 5000 rpm. If you stomp on the throttle and hang on to each gear, you'll hit 62 mph in 5.9 seconds and a 155 mph top speed. Yet despite the performance gains, the VXR now manages a claimed combined 34.9 mpg and emits 189g/km of CO2.

This new VXR is vastly better to drive than the old model, thanks to a new sophisticated HiPerStrut (High Performance Strut) suspension set-up, designed to improve the car's manners and make it easier to drive quickly. Of course, 276 bhp is a lot of power to feed through the front wheels, so hard acceleration on a wet road causes the wheels to scrabble a bit as the car searches for grip, and the VXR still has a slight tendency to wiggle the steering wheel under full straight-line acceleration. However, compared to the old car it's very mild and doesn't hamper control or stability. The steering is accurate and responsive, giving the driver confidence to explore the car's high grip levels and mesmerizing cornering ability – aided by the mechanical limited slip differential.

The VXR's cabin is very similar to that of a regular Astra, but unique design features include VXR panel graphics, sports pedals and other trim emblazoned with the VXR logo, such as the gear knob, square-bottomed steering wheel and big leather bucket seats, which provide good comfort and support.

Coupe curves somehow fail to impinge on space, with plenty of leg and headroom available. Luggage and storage areas are also generous, with a 380 litre 'seats-up' boot capacity exceeding both Volkswagen Scirocco and Renault Meganne coupe, by 68 and 36 litres respectively.

VERDICT

Vauxhall has pulled out all the stops with its most powerful Astra, and it shows. True to the breed the new VXR is loud and proud; but without the unruliness and harshness of its predecessor. It manages to blend exhilarating performance and sublime handling with practicality, refinement and everyday usability.

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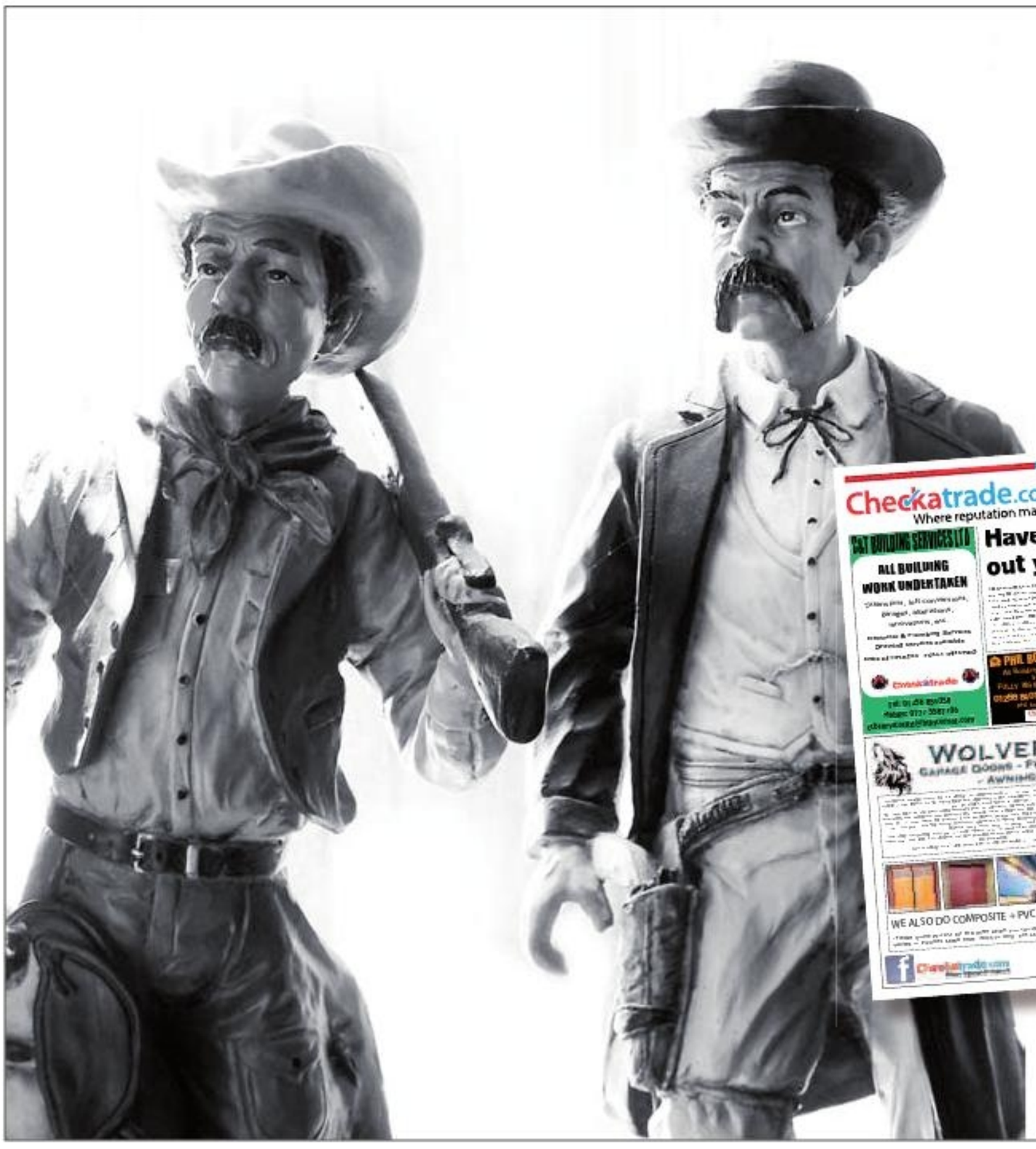

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Jam Boys' run continues as they progress to last eight

WHITCHURCH United made it through to the quarter finals of the Hampshire Senior Cup on Tuesday night, following a 2-0 win against Folland Sports.

It followed on from their 1-1 draw in the Wessex Premier League match on Saturday away to AFC Portchester, meaning the Jam Boys have only lost once in all competitions since September 21.

They are now eighth in the league after taking 19 games with 34 points, 10 behind leaders Sholing.

Meanwhile, Tadley Calleva have endured a disappointing week, losing 3-0 away to Hythe and Dibden on Saturday, followed by a 1-0 defeat at Fleet Spurs on Tuesday.

Calleva have slipped to 11th in the Wessex League First Division after 14 games, and have 15 points.

Elsewhere, Hartley Wintney's slump in form continued as they lost 2-1 to Farnham Town in the Combined Counties Premier on Saturday.

They were in league action away to Colliers Wood United last night as the Observer went to press.

All three are in action on Saturday, as Whitchurch travel to Verwood Town, Tadley host Petersfield Town and Hartley are away to Hanworth Villa.

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Bison see off Flames to close gap at top

BASINGSTOKE Bison got back to winning ways on Saturday night, as they fought their way to a 6-4 home win against the Guildford Flames.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The home side got off to a strong start with three unanswered goals in the first period, dominating possession over the league leaders.

It could have been more as Joe Miller thought he had opened the scoring at 9:31, but was waved off by referee Dave Cloutman who ruled that Miller had kicked the puck into the net.

But Miller was eventually able to get Bison off the mark at 16:30, as he finished from close range with assists from Doug Sheppard and Joe Greener.

A second was quickly added just over a minute later, as Joe Rand won a face-off in the Flames zone to Nicky Chinn, who knocked the puck past netminder James Hadfield.

Flames defenseman Neil Liddiard was then called for hooking at 17:52, and Tomas Karpov collected a rebound of Greener's shot to grab a third shortly before the first break.

Greener was able to make the score 4-0 within the first two minutes of the second period, tipping in Zach Sullivan's shot from the high slot.

Flames took the opportunity to swap netminders and brought on Mark Lee, which was soon followed by the visitor's first goal of the match as Tom Duggan scored a powerplay at 29:41.

They soon got a second through David Longstaff, but Bison were able to open their advantage again at 38:14, as Andy Melachrino scored the home side's fifth.

But Flames continued their fightback, and in the third period Jozeph Kohut closed the gap to just two goals, before Longstaff reduced the deficit further with less than two minutes of the match left.

However Aaron Connolly secured the win for Bison at 58:57, as he calmly fired home low stick side on Mark Lee, to result in a 6-4 victory.

Bison stay third but reduced the gap to English Ice Hockey Premier League leaders Flames, who remained top despite their loss.

They will host Telford Tigers on Saturday, before facing Flames again on Sunday, this time in Guildford.

· Joe Miller (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

Sport Bites

Bradley triumphs

BASINGSTOKE youngster Bradley Sutton has been named as Outstanding Sportsman 2013 for Modern Pentathlon, following the 24th Hampshire Schools' Sports Federation awards.

Bradley was one of a number of Hampshire teenagers to be honoured at the awards, and the 15-year-old from Hatch Warren was presented with the Michael Austin Harlick Award at the county council offices in Winchester.

Sporty teenagers also won awards for sailing, hockey, cycling, swimming and gymnastics, along with a number of other disciplines.

Celebration time

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club celebrated their impressive season at the Southern Premier Cricket League dinner, as they collected their Division Two trophy.

The team took 14 wins from 16 games in their debut division two season and will move up to division one next year, with the prospect of local derby games against Hook and Newnham Basics.

They also picked up a second award for May's Bounty during the evening, which was named as the best ground in the four divisions.

League leaders

HOOK and Newnham Basics have taken an early lead in the North Hampshire Cricket Association Indoor League.

They lead second-placed Oakley by three points.

Hook have won two out of three of their opening matches despite falling to an opening day defeat against Oakley.

Dominant Tring condemn Basingstoke to their second home defeat of the season

BASINGSTOKE RFC suffered defeat at home for only the second time this season, as they were comfortably beaten 28-7 by Tring on Saturday.

The home side got off to a bad start and were behind inside the opening two minutes thanks to a converted try, and Tring soon extended their lead to 14-0.

Andy Barnes had the chance to get 'Stoke on the scoreboard, but missed a couple of penalties from either side of the halfway line.

Tring were then able to pick up another converted try, and despite having had plenty of possession, 'Stoke found themselves 21-0 behind at the break.

Just before the hour mark, Tring scored another try to all but end any hopes of a Basingstoke comeback, as they led 28-0.

'Stoke were finally able to get some points on the board soon after, as Chris Kiernan picked up a try, which Dave Byett successfully converted. They almost got another, but Barnes was judged to have gone into touch as he ran down the wing, leaving the final score at 28-7.

Basingstoke are now ninth in the National League 3 London and South East with 25 points.

They will look to put the loss behind them when they face 12th-placed Barnes on Saturday.

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FRUSTRATION FOR BRISTOW'S BOYS

Manager feels his side did enough to win, but Town beaten by Havant

BASINGSTOKE Town manager Jason Bristow was left 'frustrated' after his side's FA Trophy exit to Havant and Waterlooville on Monday night.

The Dragons boss feels his side did more than enough to win the game, having been 'outstanding' for 75 minutes of the contest.

An individual effort from Havant's Shar Kabba on 11 minutes proved to be the difference between the teams.

The clash was a first round replay, after the two sides battled out a goalless draw at the Camrose on Saturday afternoon.

Bristow, who had called for a run in the competition prior to the game, was disappointed with the outcome, as he felt his team's display warranted victory.

By James Booker
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"We're frustrated more than anything," he said. "I thought the performance for 75 minutes was outstanding.

"I thought we completely outplayed them and were really unfortunate not to get a goal on a few occasions. We were the better side on the night, but ultimately we lost.

"We approached the game well, although we conceded a poor goal from our point of view.

"But we regrouped and continued to press – and it was just unfortunate – on another night we could have won by a few goals."

He also lamented the fact that 'Stoke could not put their opponents out of the trophy when they had they chance on home turf at the weekend.

"You always want to get drawn at home in cup games, but in truth we did not do enough on Saturday," he said. "We worked really hard but didn't do enough to win the game."

'Stoke have not won or scored in the last three matches, a run which started at the 1-0 loss to Ebbsfleet on November 23.

"It's worrying when you don't score goals," said Bristow. "But we created chances, not many admittedly on Saturday, but we created a few the week before.

"So we just need to turn those chances into goals again, and it will complete the performances."

Basingstoke, fourth in the Skrill South, are back in league action at 18th-placed Chelmsford on Saturday, with no new injury worries for the manager to contend with.

• Basingstoke are out of the FA Trophy after going down 1-0 at Havant and Waterlooville on Monday (Picture by Les Chase)

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